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TAGS: SHUM, AR, CASC
SUBJECT: LATEST GOA ACTION AGAINST JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

REF: BUENOS AIRES 7571

1. AMCIT CHARLES EISENHOWER, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, CALLED EMBOFF AT NOON TODAY TO ASK FOR EMBASSY INTERVENTION TO STOP SEIZURE AND DESTRUCTION BY ARGENTINE POLICE OF OVER 1000 CARTONS OF BOOKS WHICH HE SAID BELONG TO THE US WATCHTOWER SOCIETY. HE INFORMED US THAT POLICE ENTERED HIS OFFICE WITHOUT WARNING THIS MORNING AND, UNDER A MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ORDER, SEIZED WAREHOUSE FULL OF DOCUMENTS BELONGING TO HIS ORGANIZATION. FOLLOWING LATER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF, MR. EISENHOWER SAID HE HAD CONTACTED HIS ARGENTINE ATTORNEY, DR. MARCELLO FABRIS, WHO PLANS TO SUBMITTOMORROW NOV 14 LETTERS OF PROTEST DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND JUSTICE IN BUENOS AIRES REQUESTING THEM TO INTERCEDE IN THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT ILLEGAL POSSESSION AND /OR POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF THIS BIBLE LITERATURE, CONFISCATED AND HAULED AWAY NOV 13 BY ARGENTINE POLICE AUTHORITIES. CURRENT LOCATION OF

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THIS MATERIAL HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. EMBASSY ALSO SUBMITTING LETTER OF PROTEST TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THIS MATTER.

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Margaret P. Griefeld, Director
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2. WHEN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BECOME KNOWN ON THIS
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